



Kalamazoo River

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Mr Miller,

Sorry this took awhile... but here are answers to your questions. Shari

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Re: Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
- MUCC article

Shari,

I need to finish the article for MUCC. I would like to have the answers to the questions I sent you. I have been on vacation, but will be checking my e-mail every day now. Sorry if I missed it, but I don't think you have sent anything to me yet. Thanks again for your time!

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Here are the questions again...

1. Are any of the new PRP's that you have identified upstream of the Consumers Energy Dam in Comstock? (I know that the last time we spoke - over a year ago - you mentioned that letters were being sent to PRP's upstream of that dam.) EPA sent an information request letter to privately and publically owned companies upstream of Morrow Lake. To date, no upstream PRPs have been named responsible for the PCB contamination at the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. However, EPA is still evaluating the company responses to our information request letter.

2. Will there be any effort to clean up the river above the Comstock Dam? At this time, EPA has no plans to address river sediments upstream of Morrow Dam. Based upon current data, it does not appear that the river sediment upstream of Morrow Lake is a significant contributor of PCBs to the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Superfund Site.

3. If that is the case, will the Superfund Site be expanded/extended to reaches above the Comstock Dam? And will EPA oversee that clean-up, or would it be handed back to the state? See answer to #2

4. Lastly, I want to be sure I understand the process we are talking about now... Is this the correct sequence?

- modeling the various reaches/remedies/scenarios I'm not sure this is correct. What will happen is, for each reach of the River, EPA will develop a model. The model will give us, for each reach of the River, the number of years it will take to achieve edible fish in the River under a variety of cleanup alternatives/scenarios (for example, 100 years if no action is taken, 50 years if we do bank stabilization, 20 years if we do some bank stabilization and some in-stream sediment dredging, 5 years if we aggressively cleanup the banks and dredge the River). Based on the results of the model, and all other relevant information in the RI/FS, EPA will issue, for each reach, a Proposed Plan. We then take public comment, and then we issue a Record of Decision (ROD).

In regard to modeling, EPA has started the process of developing the Kalamazoo River model. EPA has met and gathered input from the MDEQ, PRPs, and the Natural Resource Trustees, including the Department of Interior, MDEQ, and the Michigan Attorney General. EPA also held a community modeling workshop on August 18th. Modeling will be done on the two uppermost segments of river first - from Morrow Dam downstream to the Otsego City dam. Modeling will proceed downstream from impoundment to impoundment or dam to dam.

- negotiation with State and PRP's about best remedies The negotiations are RI/FS negotiations are NOT remedy negotiations. EPA does not negotiate remedies.

The purpose of the negotiations is to discuss what additional RI/FS work is needed to make remedy decisions on the River, and to get an agreement from the PRPs to conduct that work. EPA also wants to recover the past costs it has incurred at the Site. MDEQ currently has an RI/FS agreement with the PRPs that also will be re-negotiated in these negotiations. The negotiations will also evaluate what (if any) additional information EPA needs regarding the state-owned dams in order to fully evaluate dam removal as one possible cleanup option. (For example, one issue that will need to be explored is, if the three State owned dams are removed, what effect will this have on the downstream

impoundments and Lake Allegan?)

- Record(s) of Decision on the various reaches and remedies
- Public Review meeting The next step would be for EPA to issue a proposed plan, take public comment, then issue a Record of Decision.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call or e-mail. I will be out of the office on Monday, August 30th and 31st returning on September 1st. Shari

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